

Dedicated to Making A Difference

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Renowned

Author & Public Intellectual

Working towards democratic and pluralistic Syria

“Ziadeh is not so much a person as an institution,”
The Washington Post, September 2, 2011.

“Mr. Ziadeh is a prominent political figure in Syria”
New York Times, June 23, 2017.

“He is a secular liberal activist who not only dreams of a Syrian democracy, but also for years did his best to promote one through organizations he founded”
The Washington Post, Editorial Board, June 29, 2017.

“He is the most prominent, respected, and trusted Syrian dissident in the Washington, D.C., area”
Foreign Policy, July 25, 2017.



Hello, I am Radwan Ziadeh. I am a renowned author, public speaker, and activist. I have dedicated my life to making a difference through my activities and my writing. I have a focus on Syria, not because it is my home country but it also because Syria today is the tragedy of our times.

My areas of expertise and interests: Syria, Arab Spring, Democratization, Political Islam, Middle East Politics, U.S Foreign Policy, Human Rights, Religion, Development and Governance.

My Current Positions

My Work in Transitional Justice

The Syrian Uprising

Building The Civil Society in Syria

- I decided to devote my time and energy to building a vibrant and robust civil society in Syria. After a prolonged armed conflict, I founded the Ghiath Matar Foundation (<http://ghiathmattarfoundation.org>) to honor the Syrian activist Ghiath Matar who is a symbol of peaceful resistance in the Syrian Revolution.
- Ghiath Matar was tortured to death by the Syrian government in Sep 2011. I then created the award for the winning documentary movie “Little Gandhi” that focused on the life of Matar and the aftermath of his death on the Syrian uprising and became the first Syrian movie ever to be nominated to the Oscar.
- As a part of my work and vision on transitional justice in Syria, I established The Association for the defense of the rights of the victims of the Syrian Revolution (<http://advrsyria.org/en>). The Association’s primary goal is to fight for justice and accountability and defend the rights of the victims in the Syrian conflict.
- In 2013 and after the increase of the humanitarian crisis in Syria, I helped with establishing the Syria Relief Network (<http://syriareliefnetwork.com/en/>), which is considered as the largest network of Syrian NGOs working on the humanitarian crisis in Syria.
- In 2015, I established the Syria Democracy Foundation to focus on preparing for democratic transition in Syria, building massive democratic parties in the future.

My Academic Background

A Visiting Fellow & Scholar

Op-ed Writer

My Awards



About the “We Are Syrians” Book

My biography featured in a book called "We Are Syrians: Three Generations. Three Dissidents" that was edited by Adam Braver and Abby DeVeuve. The book gives an insight into the "courage and defiance," and "tells the larger story of the Syrian conflict and the conditions that brought about the worst humanitarian crisis in recent history."

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